

# MINUTES.

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Forest Springs Baptist Church, Marengo Co., Ala.,

Commencing Sept. 15th, 1892.

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### OFFICERS.

J. R. COWAN, Moderator.....Cunningham, Ala.  
J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk and Treasurer.....Whatley, Ala.

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*The next session will be held with Horeb Church, Whatley, Clark  
County, Ala., on Thursday before the first  
Sunday in October, 1893.*

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### STANDING COMMITTEES.

- On State Missions.—A. W. Ethridge, J. Henry Creighton, W. T. Adams.  
 On Home Missions.—J. R. Cowan, J. V. Stringer, W. J. Clanton.  
 On Foreign Missions.—S. A. Adams, W. H. Robinson, W. N. Molton.  
 On Ministerial Education.—W. A. Parker, G. F. Nichols, W. T. Kimbrough.  
 On Mission Work in our Bounds.—S. A. Adams, G. I. Kimbell, S. J. Parker,  
 On Sunday Schools.—J. F. Murphy, J. N. Jones, W. J. Pace.  
 On Bible and Colportage Work.—J. H. Creighton, J. A. Hill, T. K. Nichols.  
 On Religious Literature.—J. H. Fendley, W. H. Williamson, T. D. Williams.  
 On Woman's Work.—R. K. Benson, R. J. W. DeWitt, N. L. Bates.  
 On Temperance.—W. L. Henderson, J. A. McNider, J. W. Mathews.  
 On Aged and Infirm Ministers.—Isaac Grant, J. D. Hudson, E. D. Adams.  
 On Order of Business.—J. H. Creighton, W. D. Dunn, W. W. Daffin.  
 Chairman of Committees will please write their reports with pen and ink and only on one side of paper.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| S. A. Adams.....     | Jackson, Ala.         |
| J. H. Creighton..... | Whatley, Ala.         |
| William Hill.....    | Whatley, Ala.         |
| W. H. DeWitt.....    | Nicholsville, Ala.    |
| R. J. W. DeWitt..... | Jackson, Ala.         |
| A. W. Ethridge.....  | Marvin, Ala.          |
| J. H. Fendley.....   | Behrman, Ala.         |
| J. D. Hudson.....    | Choctaw Corner, Ala.  |
| W. A. Parker.....    | Thomasville, Ala.     |
| H. F. Von Kohn.....  | Thomasville, Ala.     |
| J. V. Stringer.....  | Jackson, Ala.         |
| W. W. Whatley.....   | Winn, Ala.            |
| R. K. Benson.....    | Lower Peach Tree Ala. |
- I W. Martin moved to Linden, Bethel Association; H. Adams died; N. Thomas died.

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# MINUTES.

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The Ninth annual session of the South Bethel Association convened with the Forest Springs Baptist church, in Marengo county, Ala., on the 15th of September, 1892, and was called to order by the Moderator, J. R. Cowan.

Brother W. H. DeWitt lead the Association in prayer.

In the absence of the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, by request, Bro. J. W. Martin preached the sermon from I Corinthians, 15:58, "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, etc."

The Association took a recess for 1½ hours.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Brother G. W. Webb lead the Association in prayer.

W. A. Parker and S. A. Adams were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

Churches and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Hoboken—M. M. Tucker, N. L. Bates, N. L. Painter.

Amity—No delegates.

Witch Creek—A. J. Fail, G. D. Wiggins.

Mt. Vernon—No messengers.

Horeb—J. H. Creighton.

Thomasville.—W. A. Parker, Jr., W. L. Henderson.

Lower Peach Tree.—Mathew Adams.

Pine Hill—E. D. Adams.

Dead Level—W. J. Clanton.

Putnam—E. D. Little, R. L. Martin, W. A. Stewart.

Mt. Gilead—No messengers.

Jackson—No messengers.

Cane Creek—E. L. Morgan, N. F. Champion.

West Bend—J. R. Cowan, Gross Scruggs, J. L. White.

Good Hope—No delegates.

Hopewell—J. M. Hall, John Edwards.

Antioch—J. L. Harrel, W. B. Harrel.

Peniel—No delegates.

Ulconush—E. Walton, J. A. Walton, W. E. Cammack.

Round Hill—A. M. Norwood.

Midway—C. W. Burge, J. D. Hudson, C. M. Woodward.

Bassett's Creek—J. H. Fendley.

Independence—No delegate.

Elam—W. T. Jarvis, T. L. Williams, J. G. Williams.

Salem—R. K. Benson.

River Hill—S. A. Adams.

Forest Springs—J. W. Armistead, J. L. Crenshaw, B. C. McClinton.

Sugsville—Represented with funds.

Rockville—Represented with funds.

New Prospect—J. C. Webb, J. R. White, H. White.

Deep Creek—W. H. DeWitt, J. E. Nichols, Eli Anderson.

The following officers were elected: J. R. Cowan, Moderator and J. H. Creighton Clerk and Treasurer.

The association adopted order of business published in last year's minutes, with some amendments.

Correspondents were received as follows:

Bethel Association—G. W. Webb, J. L. Tucker, W. K. Thomas, James Pritchett.

Antioch Association—E. H. Perry, J. W. Collins.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during this session of the association:

On Preaching—S. A. Adams and the deacons of Forest Springs church.

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—C. W. Burge, E. Walton, J. W. Armistead.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. A. Parker, I. W. Martin, G. P. Crenshaw.

On Finance—T. J. Cowan, E. S. Pugh, W. J. Clanton.

The time for meeting was fixed at 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., and adjourn each session at pleasure.

Resolved, That any member of this association in attendance upon any other association is authorized to represent this association in such body.

The following report on Temperance was read by Rev. S. A. Adams:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee has nothing special to suggest. The status of the temperance question within the bounds of the South Bethel Association is very much as it has been for several years. We are commanded to be temperate in all things; and at times it is profitable to heed the injunction in matters other than that in reference to the use of intoxicating drinks. It is our impression that the cause of temperance is steadily growing and strengthening in the minds of our people. Particularly is this so with the intelligent membership of our churches, and we believe the day will come when the church of God will be emphatically a temperance organization. While the minds of the people are going to the light on all other questions, it would be strangely inconsistent for them to prefer the darkness on this, the most important of them all. But the churches move with lamentable slowness in this matter. If Christian sentiment and action on this question were what they ought to be, the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors would be banished from the land, and the tears of widows and orphans, of wives, and mothers, and sisters, would be turned into songs of thanksgiving and joy.

It seems strange that what is so universally recognized as one of the greatest curses of the world should have so many friends that it cannot be put down. When pestilence shows itself the law-maker is equal to the occasion in providing enactments for the protection of the people; the city authorities proclaim and enforce quarantine regulations, regardless of the trouble and delay to people, or of the interruption of commerce; but the monster evil of the civilized world—"the terror by night, and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day," rides over the land in his chariot of death and the law is silent before his march.

Let us thank God that within our limits the conditions are as favorable as they are. Let us hold what we have and get more as fast as we can.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC GRANT, Ch'n.

After remarks by W. A. Parker, G. W. Webb and W. H. DeWitt, the report was adopted.

The committee on Preaching reported that J. H. Creighton was appointed to preach here at 8 p. m.  
Adjourned.

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## SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

G. W. Webb conducted the devotional exercises.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our association return to the old time of meeting, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to suggest a form for a church associational letter: W. H. DeWitt, W. A. Parker, T. L. Jarvis and J. H. Creighton.

Bro. I. W. Martin read the report on State Missions, S. A. Adams on Home Missions, and W. A. Parker on Foreign Missions, as follows:

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The seventy-two associations of our State Convention gave last year to State Missions \$3,255.77. Of this amount our association contributed \$217.16. The Women's Society gave \$50, making a total of \$267.16. We have a membership of 2,545. So you see we are doing practically nothing for State Missions.

Our Savior told His disciples to begin at Jerusalem and go into all the world, preaching the gospel to every creature. And yet are not the majority of the Baptists of our association practically anti-missionaries?

We do not over-estimate State Mission work when we say that it is at the foundation of all missionary progress.

If the apostles had not begun missionary endeavor at home they would not have gotten away from Jerusalem.

We believe our people need more education on the subject of State Missions. Every true disciple of Christ must be a State missionary at heart, but many, for lack of education, seem never to have found out this fact. We heartily recommend to our people the State Mission Quarterly, which is growing in favor and usefulness everywhere.

The importance of State Missions, without any recommendation from us, will certainly incite and stimulate our people to learn more about, and do more for, this blessed cause.

May the great author of State Missions lay this work upon our hearts, as He alone can,

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. MARTIN,  
T. J. COWAN,  
B. BOROUGHS,  
Committee.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg to report:

That we find this feature of mission work, by the Southern Baptist Convention growing, both in importance and interest, but we fear that its importance far exceeds the interest felt and taken in the work. The rapid growth and development of our country in the South and West since the war, makes the Home Mission work meet a demand that the Southern Bap-

tist Convention could meet in no other way. In many of the States and territories there is not sufficient local Baptist interest to meet the demands that the great influx of immigration is making, and when we remember much of this immigration is from abroad, coming to us with ideas of government and of religious institutions, foreign to ours, it intensifies the importance of the Home Mission work. Already are we beginning to feel the pulsating of the great throbbing, surging heat of materialism, Socialism and anarchy, from the European countries. The safety of our government, the welfare of the Master's cause demands that these people and influences should be met with a greater force, and there is nothing that can take the place of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Men must be supplied to preach it; houses must be built; churches must be organized, and this is, and must continue to be, the peculiar work of the Home Mission Board.

Besides, the native and foreign population that must be supplied through the Home Mission Board, there are the Indians, who are the beneficiaries of this work, and when we remember that as Southern Baptists, we are occupying and operating what was once their hunting ground, and for which they were meagerly paid, and when we remember that as a nation their days are numbered, our obligations to give them the gospel is greatly increased.

The importance of the Home Mission work is brought still closer home, in its mission for the negro. A great deal is being done for them by philanthropists of the North, in providing educational advantages for them. Still more is being done by the Southern States, out of the public funds, in establishing schools suitable to the condition of the negro; but when we remember that they are naturally a religious people, and when we think too, they are almost solidly a Baptist people, we are reminded that the white Baptists of the South are more responsible for their moral and spiritual training than any people on earth. It seems easy to believe that God has overruled the circumstances of their slavery and emancipation and placed them in the hands of the Southern Baptists to be raised from barbarism and prepared for a great mission. It may be that through this channel God designs to bring the dark continent to Christ. We fear that so far we have proven, in a measure, recreant to this God-given trust. The Cuban mission, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board, is still proving one of the wonders of the missionary age. Less than ten years ago the seed was sown that has brought forth this wonderful harvest.

There are now over two thousand Baptists in Cuba. There were 180 baptisms during the last conventional year. The Cuban Christians raised \$2,400 on their own field—more than \$1 a piece—a much greater proportion than is raised by the Baptists of the South. Their cemetery brought them in \$500. They have a fine school in Havana for girls; there were 100 in attendance last year. This number would be greatly increased had they the means for doing so.

We are still due \$20,000 on the Havana house of worship, which is to be paid in December next.

Your committee is sorry to report that so far as the interest manifested by our association in Home Mission work is concerned, it is not at all encouraging. The churches report very little more than one-third of what was asked of them. Making all allowances for the adverse circumstances under which we have labored, we believe there is good cause for humiliation, shame and sorrow, upon our part, for having done so little in this line of mission work.

We pray God that as individuals and churches, we may hasten to redeem ourselves by repentance and a more hearty response to the commands of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ADAMS, Ch'n.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

Never since the days of active Mission labor on the part of apostolic missionaries, has the subject of missions elicited so much interest as at present. No decade in the history of Christianity has witnessed so many sermons,

speeches and exhortations pointing to the development of practical application of the spirit of the great commission.

Surely the time is rapidly approaching when the Lord shall come with glory and power to summon the amassment of His forces for the last and final conflict. Anarchy, Communism and Catholicism on the one side, and pure Christianity on the other, are in their respective prophetic spheres, gathering strength and concentrating men and means for the final fight. This is an important era, and it seems to your committee that the question, "What am I, as an individual disciple of the Lord, doing to aid in this great work?" should become intensely personal. Much is being done by our great denomination—and yet, when we reflect upon our numerical and financial strength, and with mathematical accuracy prorate our contributions to Foreign Missions, we are overcome with shame at the astonishingly low amount per capita given by us to this branch of Christian beneficence. Under the management of the Southern Baptist Convention we are occupying Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, China and Africa, with employes of the Board one hundred and seventy-one, Americans and native workers.

There are something more than 2,000,000 Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention, and during the last conventional year there was given only \$114,325.80, while the Board, realizing in the beginning of the year, the burden of its necessities, had asked for \$150,000. In Alabama we have 101,000 members. The amount for Foreign Missions asked by the Board of us was \$8 500, and our contributions to the Board were \$7,898.26; and this by 101,000 Baptists.

In our own association we have 2,772 members, and with present lights before us, we have to report the exceedingly small sum of \$75.83, which is a fraction over 2.73 cents per capita. With these figures before us, are we not persuaded that as a mass, if we continue thus unfaithful, we justly merit the adverse providences of God in floods, overflows, short crops and low prices, and pestilence and death, that in this, more than for very many years, have visited our land?

Brethren, let us awake out of our lethargy and cry unto the Lord, sending up with our prayers more liberal alms, that we may have memorials before His throne.

Our Foreign Mission Board, feeling that in this, the centennial year of missions, we ought to do something worthy of note in this great work, decided to appeal for \$125,000, for a special and permanent fund to be used in building chapels, planting churches and press the work in foreign fields. In this the Southern Baptist Convention heartily acquiesced. Brethren, shall we, an integral part of our great Baptist hosts, lag behind and fall short, or shall we come to the front and contribute our share in this extra effort to extend the cause of our Savior? We are asked for \$200 for foreign work. We would recommend our members to take the Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. PARKER, Ch'n.

After speeches by G. W. Webb, W. H. DeWitt, S. A. Adams, J. H. Creighton, the further discussion of missions was deferred until 11 a. m. Saturday. Adjourned.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by I. W. Martin. The report on Ministerial Education was read by S. A. Adams, committee not present.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

That the time has come when our ministers should be educated men, that they may take the positions in their several communities as their calling justifies, is an universally conceded fact. That our churches, and we, as

individuals, are not doing our duty in rendering the necessary aid and assistance to our ministers, and those who have felt it their duty to enter the ministry and are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the work that we should, I believe is equally as well conceded. We are certainly not contributing of our means sums sufficiently to enable them to take advantage of the aids that are at hand. Take South Bethel Association, for instance, and we find that with a membership of about 2 600, we contributed \$100 to this cause, a fraction less than four cents a member. In the face of these statistics I feel that no comment is necessary, but that figures speak louder than words.

We have within the borders of our State an institution with learned professors, that is doing its whole duty in this work, and if we will but do ours, the question of an educated ministry will soon be solved.

But Howard College has gone further. It not only proposes to prepare men for the ministry, but to assist those already in the work by holding summer institutes, where lectures are delivered by able and learned divines. I believe a number of our ministers would attend these institutes, but at the very outset they are confronted with the question of the necessary means. They would be perfectly willing to pay their own expenses out of their incomes from their churches if they could devise some way by which they could collect it before fall, when it is too late. So we are not only derelict in our duty in not contributing to the fund for ministerial education, strictly speaking, but by our false policy of paying our ministers the major part of their salaries late in the year, we deprive them of advantages that they would willingly pay for themselves.

WM. D. DUNN, Chairman.

The Association agreed to try to raise \$100 00 for Ministerial Education.

The following was offered in connection with the report:

Resolved, That inasmuch as Bro. W. A. Parker, Jr., feels called of God to preach the gospel of Christ, and inasmuch as he comes recommended by his church at Thomasville, Ala., who seems satisfied as to his gifts; be it

Resolved, 1. That we thank God for calling him into his work.

Resolved, 2. That this Association adopt him as a beneficiary and appropriate \$75 00 by way of assisting him in an education.

Resolved, 3. That W. S. Henderson, J. H. Creighton, Geo. F. Nichols and J. R. Cowan be appointed as an executive committee to take this matter in hand.

Be it further Resolved, That we appropriate what we have on hand of the Ministerial Educational funds to Bro. Parker's aid, and raise the balance by bringing it before our churches early in the year.

Respectfully,

S. A. ADAMS.

The report, with resolutions, were adopted.

The committee on Bible and Colportage Work made the following report, which was deferred until Saturday at 10 a. m.:

#### REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

We, your committee appointed at the last Association to communicate with Bethel Association through her Executive committee, and devise ways and means to put an active colporteur in the field for all or part of his time, as deemed, upon consultation, advisable, attended to that duty, and in junction with that Association, your committee appointed Bro. G. W. Webb for three months, one-half of which time was to be given to canvassing our Association in this interest, and your committee obligated this Association to pay Bro. Webb \$50 00 for his work, and we herewith submit Bro. Webb's report to us:

BRO. G. W. WEBB'S REPORT.

CATHERINE ALA., March 31, 1892.

A copy of full report rendered to W. A. Parker of colportage work done in South Bethel Association:



Days of services rendered.....	43
Miles traveled.....	433
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	28
Bibles and Testaments given away.....	4
Books sold.....	89
Books given away.....	4
Tracts distributed.....	105
Sermons preached.....	14
Family worship.....	43
Families visited.....	173
Families destitute of Bibles.....	29
Addresses delivered.....	7
Total value of sales.....	\$74 72
To al amount paid by Association.....	\$27 10
Balance due by Association.....	\$32 62
Respectfully submitted,	
G. W. WEBB.	

Your committee would recommend that the balance due Bro. Webb be paid out of the undisposed funds in the hands of the Association, and out of cash collections to be taken during this session.

W. A. PARKER, SR.,  
C. W. BURGE,  
J. W. ARMISTEAD,  
Committee.

The committee on Preaching reported that J. H. Fendley was appointed to preach at 8 p m. Adjourned.

### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

R. K. Benson conducted the devotional exercises.  
The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association spend a half hour in a memorial service for our deceased ministers and deacons, and that the Moderator conduct the service.

Bro. W. A. Parker then read the report on the same:

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Our hearts are sad indeed as we look over our body and find that death has entered our ranks and taken away our beloved brethren Elds. Nathan Thomas and H. Adams.

Bro. Thomas was engaged more or less in the ministry in this State and in South Carolina for sixty years. He was a useful man, always active in Sabbath-school and prayer meeting work, and did much work in the ministry at his own charges, and doubtless will receive, in the great day of rewards, abundant recognition at the hands of the Master.

Bro. H. Adams was ordained by the Pisgah church of the Old Bethel Association in 1852, and until his death, 10th of September, 1892, a period of forty years, was one of our most active and successful pastors. During the last three years of his labors, riding more than thirty miles to his appointment, quite a number of the churches of this Association, at various times, enjoyed the benefit of his ministry. May his mantle descend with divine unction upon his son now engaged in pastoral work in our midst.

We have also to record the death of Deacons T. A. Creighton, R. J. Woodward, John D. Rogers and M. A. Cobb, and our former Associational Treasurer, Bro. J. D. Cowan. In the death of these brethren we have sustained great loss; but, while to the Association their death is loss, we are sure that

our loss is their gain. And while we feel sensibly this loss, we realize that to their families and loved ones it is more severe; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our sincere sympathies be extended these families in their bereavement; that a page of the Minutes be devoted to their memory, and a copy of the Minutes be sent to these bereaved families.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

After prayer by the Moderator, remarks were made by J. H. Fendley and W. A. Parker. During this service the Moderator was called home to a sick wife. W. H. DeWitt was elected Moderator pro tem:

The reports on Missions were further discussed by W. B. Parker and S. H. Adams. A collection was then taken which amounted to \$25.75. The reports were then adopted.

Geo. F. Nichols and I. W. Martin were appointed to investigate the papers of our deceased Treasurer and report to this body.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. Cabiness. The committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests made the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests make the following report: We nominate for delegates to the Alabama Baptist Convention Elds. J. H. Fendley, W. A. Parker, S. A. Adams, W. H. DeWitt, J. H. Creighton; brethren John F. Murphy, W. D. Dunn and Dr. G. S. Chapman; as alternate, any who may attend the Convention.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Horeb church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1893.

That W. H. DeWitt preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association; alternate, W. A. Parker.

We find that Antioch and Rockville churches ask for help from this Association towards supporting their pastor. We refer the matter to the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BURGE  
J. W. ARMISTEAD,  
E. WALTON,  
Committee.

The committee on Woman's Work reported:

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

This is a subject that has been discussed by many of our best theologians, and it is clearly to be seen that there are differences of opinion as to the specific work that women are to do in the propagation of the gospel. Your committee has not arrived at a satisfactory conclusion as to the distinctive and specific work to be scripturally and separately assigned woman in the great work of evangelizing the world. But from what we know and read in our religious papers and the reported statistics, show that they have been organized into different societies that have done efficient work in all the various enterprises fostered by our churches, associations and conventions, for which they deserve great credit. The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Central Committee on Woman's Work, shows an increase over last year's work of forty-one new societies and nineteen new Sunbeam bands organized, also an increase over last year in cash actually paid in of

\$1,133 81 We note, however, that our Association does but little in this line of work, only reporting four societies organized. Sister E. H. Woodward is vice-president. We thank our women for their faithful help.  
Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FENDLEY, Chairman.

Also a letter was read from sister E. H. Woodward, vice-president of this Association. After remarks by S. A. Adams and W. A. Parker, the report was then adopted.

The committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Widows, made the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, their Widows and Orphans, beg to report that we have disbursed the funds placed in our hands by the last Association. Since we met last Bro. N. Thomas has laid off his age and infirmity and gone to his eternal reward, making one less in the number that the Association is helping. The amount for this purpose, like the amounts for all other purposes reported by this Association, has fallen off considerably. There are still left to our care and consideration sisters DeWitt, Hixon, Stringer, Kelley and Hadaway. We shall not have the privilege to do for these sacred relics long, hence we should be more prompt and liberal in our contributions. There are others that really need our help and that we would like to help, but the amounts are so small that we do not think it wise to divide it any more this year. We recommend the contributing of \$100.00 to this work.  
S. A. ADAMS.

The report on Religious Literature was read as follows:

In our opinion there is no subject of greater import than the proper selection of our reading matter. To know a man's position in politics is to find what literature he reads most. The same is true in reference to every thing else. The printing press is a potent power for good or for evil, and our country is flooded with much that is pernicious. And in order to counteract the evil influence of the bad, we would recommend that our people read the Bible more closely and study it more thoroughly than ever before, also the books published by the American Baptist Publication Society; THE ALABAMA BAPTIST: The State Mission Quarterly; Our Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal. These we would especially urge our folks to take and read.  
Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CREIGHTON, Ch'n.

After remarks by S. A. Adams, W. A. Parker and J. H. Creighton, the report was adopted.

The committee to investigate the treasurer's account made report, but was re-committed to report at the next session of the Association. W. I. Henderson was added to the committee.

The committee on preaching report that W. A. Parker was appointed to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

S. A. Adams conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes were read and the roll was corrected.

J. H. Creighton was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. W. H. DeWitt and S. A. Adams, alternates.

The committee on Associational letter reported a form which was adopted, and one dollar and eighty cents was raised to have same printed, and the clerk was instructed to have as many printed as the money would pay for.

W. L. Henderson read the

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee submit the following report:

We are pleased to report an increase in Sunday-school interest throughout the Association. While the cause of Christ has seemed to drag or suffer in many respects and has fallen short of our expectations, as shown by the different reports sent up to the Association, the Sunday school has prospered and we are pleased to report an increase of above 48 per cent. in number over and above our last year's report. And while we are pleased to report such an increase in Sunday school interest, our hearts are made sad when we look over the statistics and find (11) eleven churches that are absolutely dead and doing nothing for the cause of Christ in Sunday-school work. We are also pleased to report an increase of nearly fifty per cent. of churches organizing Sunday-schools.

And we recommend and urge our ministers to set out afresh and to labor especially for the Sunday-school cause, with the determination to establish and maintain a live and active Sunday-school in every church throughout the South Bethel Association.

We regard the Sunday school as being one of the grandest religious institutions of the age, taking hold of the young and tender minds of the youths of our land and country and moulding them into lives of usefulness and Christian activity, thus fitting them for citizenship in that upper and better kingdom. We further recommend and insist upon the members of the church attending the Sunday-school.

W. L. HENDERSON.

Remarks by W. L. Henderson, S. A. Adams, W. A. Parker and the report was then adopted.

The apportionment of last year was adopted.

At 11 o'clock W. A. Parker preached from the text 1 Corinthians 3:9. At the close of the sermon \$10.57 was collected for missions.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Association return thanks to Forest Springs church for the courtesy and hospitality extended towards us.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay out of the funds collected during the Association balance due G. W. Webb, for services as Colporteur; and the funds for Ministerial Education to W. L. Henderson, chairman Executive Committee, and all funds for missions, after paying the amounts due employees of the Board of this Association, to W. B. Crumpton. The funds for Aged and Infirm Ministers, etc., to the beneficiaries of this Association; also the funds for minutes be expended for the printing as many copies of minutes as the funds will pay for, retaining fifteen dollars for services as clerk.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted. (See Financial Exhibit.)

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Horeb church at Whatley, Clarke county, Alabama, on Thursday before first Sunday in October, 1893.

J. H. CREIGHTON,  
Clerk.

W. H. DEWITT, MODERATOR,  
Pro tem.

## AMOUNTS ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education	Bible and Colportage.	Total for each Church
Amity.....	\$ 9 00	\$ 4 50	\$ 4 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 25 00
Antioch.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 50	25	25	5 00
Bassett's Creek.....	9 00	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 00	25 00
Cane Creek.....	6 09	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	18 00
Canetouchy.....	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	5 00
Dead Level.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	15 00
Deep Creek.....	30 00	15 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	1 00	75 00
Elam.....	18 00	9 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	50 00
Enon.....	9 00	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 00	25 00
Evergreen.....	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	18 00
Forest Springs.....	20 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	10 00	2 00	65 00
Good Hope.....	6 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	15 00
Grove Hill.....	23 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	6 00	1 00	70 00
Hoboken.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 25	1 75	1 00	25 00
Horeb.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	25 00
Hopewell.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	50	10 00
Independence.....	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	50	10 00
Jackson.....	7 00	3 50	3 50	2 00	3 00	1 00	20 00
Lower Peach Tree.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	25 00
Mt. Gilead.....	9 00	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 00	25 00
Mt. Vernon.....	9 00	4 50	4 50	2 00	3 00	1 00	24 00
Midway.....	12 50	6 25	6 25	2 00	2 00	1 00	30 00
New Prospect.....	6 00	3 00	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	16 00
Peniel.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	25 00
Pine Hill.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	25 00
Pleasant Grove.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	25 00
Putnam.....	7 00	3 50	3 50	2 00	3 00	1 00	20 00
River Hill.....	13 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	30 00
Rockville.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	50	50	12 00
Round Hill.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 50	50	20 00
Salem.....	16 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	40 00
Stave Creek.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 00	50	15 00
Suggsville.....	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 00	50	15 00
Thomasville.....	13 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	30 00
Ulconush.....	18 50	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	1 00	55 00
West Bend.....	16 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	40 00
Witch Creek.....	8 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 50	50	20 00
District meetings.....	20 00	10 00	10 00				40 00
Total.....	\$396 50	\$196 75	\$196 75	\$110 75	\$100 00	\$34 25	\$1,035 00

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1892.

## CHURCHES.

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage.	Howard College.	Minutes.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture.
1	Amity.....	4 50	9 00	3 00	1 05	3 00	1 50	20 50	75 00	10 00	500 00
2	Antioch.....	1 00	2 00	50	25		50	5 50		12 00	300 00
3	Bassett's Creek.....	1 10	1 46	2 50			1 00	6 00		8 00	400 00
4	Cane Creek.....	20	20		30		60	1 50			
5	Canetouchy.....						75	2 15		3 00	200 00
6	Dead Level.....	12 50	12 50	25 80	2 75	3 50	1 00	61 55	150 00	8 47	500 00
7	Deep Creek.....	50	50	50	75		1 00	3 15	150 00		660 00
8	Ellam.....										250 00
9	Ehonn.....								100 00		300 00
10	Evergreen.....	15 00	15 00	5 00	4 45	5 00	2 50	46 95	150 00	250 00	700 00
11	Forest Springs.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	6 27	1 00	50	6 76	75 00	8 00	300 00
12	Good Hope.....	11 15	13 94	34 64	3 00	6 00	1 50	71 50	130 00	15 00	800 00
13	Grove Hill.....	2 75	2 75	6 43	1 50	1 00	1 00	16 20	100 00	3 76	600 00
14	Hoboken.....	2 00	2 00	9 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	20 00	50 00	100 00	700 00
15	Horeb.....	60					1 00	1 60			300 00
16	Hopewell.....		5 00				1 00	6 00			350 00
17	Independence.....	3 00	5 00	4 00	1 15	2 25	1 00	17 40	100 00	75 00	800 00
18	Jackson.....	5 25	2 45	3 60	3 81	3 81		18 92	150 00	800 00	800 00
19	Lower Peach Tree.....	3 05	6 06	8 36	1 53	3 00	1 50	26 50	100 00	8 00	700 00
20	Mt. Gilthead.....	1 05	1 05				1 05	3 15			400 00
21	Mt. Vernon.....	1 75	1 00	2 00	1 50		1 20	6 20	100 00	7 50	5 0 00
22	Midway.....	50	50	50			1 00	3 00			300 00
23	New Prospect.....	2 50	2 50	5 00	2 30	2 00	1 00	16 30	50 00	18 15	400 60
24	Peniel.....	5 00	5 00	7 10	2 00	2 00	1 50	26 50	101 00		750 00
25	Pine Hill.....	1 75	1 75	3 50		85	1 00	11 00			300 00
26	Pleasant Grove.....	4 00	10 00	5 00	1 85	2 00	2 00	24 85	100 00		300 00
27	Pitnam.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	15		50	7 65			600 00
28	River Hill.....	3 55	4 19	4 65	50		2 00	15 65	100 00		300 00
29	Rockville.....	2 00	3 00			1 70		6 70			600 60
30	Round Hill.....	5 70	9 44	19 45		3 25	2 00	45 95	200 00	97 70	2,300 00
31	Salem.....	2 75	2 75	6 25	2 75	2 75	2 20	20 45	150 00		500 00
32	Snaggsville.....	8 00	8 11	16 00	4 00	5 00	1 00	44 66	150 00		650 00
33	Slave Creek.....	2 00	1 50	3 00	2 00	1 00		10 00			350 00
34	Thomasville.....	12 02	11 08	23 20				37 62			
35	Unionsh.....				1 12			47 37			
36	West Bend.....										
37	Witch Creek.....										
	Collections at Association.....										
	District Meetings and Sunday-School Conven.....										
	Total.....	\$ 106 31	\$ 132 09	\$ 174 75	\$ 549 67	\$ 50 11	\$ 934 30	\$ 619 40		\$ 1,429 58	\$ 18,550 00

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STATISTICS OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S F. O.	Membership last reported	Increased by						S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school Pupils	Preaching Sabbath		
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.				Present Membership	
Amity.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Creighton.	J. T. Foreman.	Whatley.....	69	1	2	1	3	..	1	69	5	80	4	
Antioch.....	Clarke.....	J. V. Stringer.	J. C. Brown.	Nealon.....	15	2	5	1	..	..	..	23	5	27	1	
Bassett's Creek.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Fendley.	C. Handley.	Behrman.....	118	2	1	..	2	..	..	118	4	30	3	
Cane Creek.....	Wilcox.....	R. J. W. DeWitt.	R. L. Morgan.	Pine Hill.....	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	
*Canetochy.....	Clarke.....	R. J. W. DeWitt.	J. G. Overstreet.	Tatallaba.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	
Dead Level.....	Clarke.....	A. W. Ethridge.	B. A. Clanton.	Dead Level.....	52	2	5	..	..	..	..	49	..	..	2	
Deep Creek.....	Marango.....	W. H. DeWitt.	G. F. Nichols.	Nicholsville.....	98	14	8	..	2	..	..	108	4	50	3	
Elani.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Fendley.	W. B. Harrison.	Glover.....	165	6	1	..	2	..	..	168	..	..	..	
*Epon.....	Wilcox.....	J. H. Fendley.	B. F. Weatherly.	Pine Hill.....	79	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	..	..	..	
*Evergreen.....	Clarke.....	J. W. Martin.	D. T. Little.	Walker Springs.....	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	
Forest Springs.....	Marango.....	No pastor.	D. T. Little.	Morvin.....	174	..	1	..	2	..	..	169	5	40	1	
Good Hope.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Creighton.	W. H. Williamson.	Grove Hill.....	67	..	1	..	1	..	..	64	4	20	1	
Grove Hill.....	Clarke.....	S. A. Adams.	J. W. Cinningham.	Grove Hill.....	121	..	2	..	9	..	..	115	4	00	2	
Hoboken.....	Marango.....	J. L. Tucker.	M. M. Tucker.	Nicholsville.....	76	..	1	..	3	..	..	72	4	52	2	
Horeb.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Creighton.	J. Henry Creighton.	Whatley.....	65	1	1	..	1	..	..	44	5	30	3	
Hopewell.....	Clarke.....	J. D. Hudson.	A. J. Roberts.	Dead Level.....	51	4	2	..	1	..	..	56	..	..	2	
Hopeville.....	Clarke.....	J. E. Smith.	D. A. Crocker.	Sunny South.....	47	21	6	1	..	..	..	75	4	16	..	
Jackson.....	Wilcox.....	S. A. Adams.	G. S. Chapman.	Jackson.....	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	4	49	3	
Lower Peach Tree.....	Wilcox.....	W. A. Parker.	M. Adams.	Lower Peach Tree.	30	1	3	..	1	..	..	21	2	15	..	
Mt. Gillead.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Creighton.	J. N. Jones.	Murphy.....	59	2	1	..	..	..	..	56	3	28	2	
Mt. Vernon.....	Clarke.....	S. Smith.	J. C. Morgan.	Pine Hill.....	102	2	1	..	4	..	..	91	..	..	..	
Midway.....	Clarke.....	J. H. Fendley.	C. W. Burse.	Tallahafia Springs.....	135	..	1	..	6	1	..	126	3	40	4	
New Prospect.....	Clarke.....	A. W. Ethridge.	Henry White.	McEntyre.....	80	14	3	..	3	..	..	93	..	..	..	
Penid.....	Clarke.....	R. J. W. DeWitt.	F. M. Fleming.	Nealon.....	85	6	4	..	7	2	..	95	..	..	2	
Pine Hill.....	Wilcox.....	W. H. DeWitt.	C. L. Mason.	Pine Hill.....	27	1	5	..	1	..	..	32	5	30	2	
*Pleasant Grove.....	Clarke.....	R. J. W. DeWitt.	I. J. Piman.	Tatallaba.....	89	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	..	..	..	
Putnam.....	Marango.....	J. L. Tucker.	E. D. Little.	Putnam.....	61	..	..	..	6	..	..	54	..	..	..	
River Hill.....	Clarke.....	S. A. Adams.	Willie Cox.	Saltpa.....	100	2	5	..	2	..	..	107	4	30	1	
*Rockville.....	Clarke.....	J. V. Stringer.	F. I. Payne.	Sington.....	77	..	..	..	5	1	..	10	..	..	..	
Salem.....	Clarke.....	R. K. Benson.	A. M. Norwood.	Thomasville.....	147	2	4	..	1	..	..	75	..	..	..	
Saugusville.....	Clarke.....	R. J. W. DeWitt.	J. J. Vickers.	Dickson.....	147	4	..	..	2	..	..	148	..	..	..	
*Stave Creek.....	Clarke.....	J. W. Martin.	J. C. Jowers.	Suggsville.....	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	
Thomasville.....	Clarke.....	R. J. W. DeWitt.	H. P. W. Howell.	Jackson.....	46	..	..	..	1	..	..	46	..	..	3	
Tlconush.....	Clarke.....	W. A. Parker.	G. W. Parker.	Thomasville.....	52	..	5	..	4	..	..	52	3	74	3	
West Bend.....	Clarke.....	J. L. Tucker.	H. N. Harris.	Coffeyville.....	201	7	2	..	2	..	..	228	..	..	3	
Witch Creek.....	Clarke.....	S. A. Adams.	W. J. Thornton.	West Bend.....	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	4	30	4	
	Clarke.....	A. W. Ethridge.	J. J. Bullock.	Campbell.....	67	..	2	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	3	
Total.....					2545	95	68	4	64	5	3	28	2780	72	652	

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